



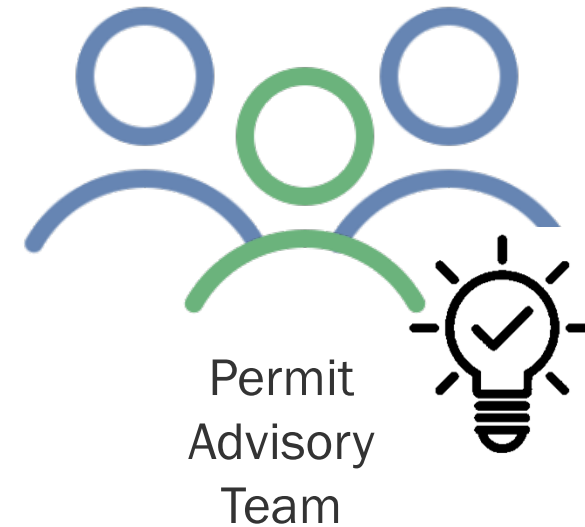
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Washington's Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation General Permits

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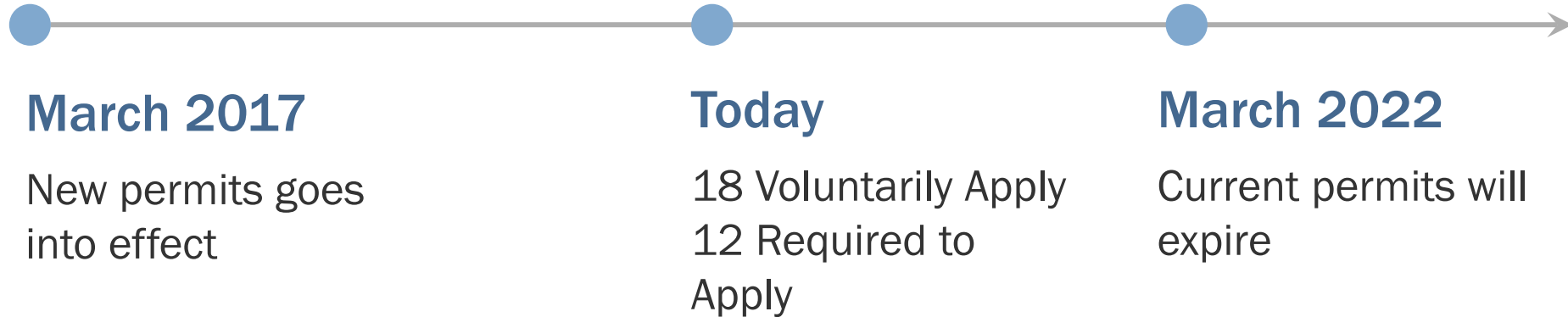
Washington's CAFO Program



Our program is a collaborative effort between the
State Departments of **Ecology** and **Agriculture**

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Voluntary & Mandatory Permit Coverages Issued



LYV Compliance Checks, 2017-2021

Permittee Name	Annual Reports	On-site Visits
Cow Palace	5	2
DBD WA	5	7
George DeRuyter & Sons Dairy	5	10
J&K Dairy	5	21
JLS Slegers Dairy	4	1
Maple Grove Dairy	5	3
Skyridge Dairy	5	2
SMD	5	7
Spring Canyon Ranch	5	2
Sunnyside Dairy	3	2
T&D Dairy	4	3
View Point Dairy	1	0
Total	52	60

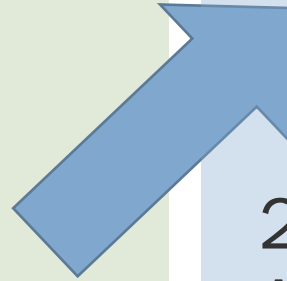
History of the Permit Appeal

2017: Permits appealed

- Appealed by Industry & Environmental Groups

2018: Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board hearings & decision

- Most permit conditions affirmed



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2020-21: Washington Court of Appeals hearings & decision

- Permits remanded to Ecology for revisions

2021 Court of Appeals Decision

Production Area

- Address impacts from compost areas & existing waste storage lagoons
- Compliance monitoring needed



Land Application Fields

- Address land application on high-risk fields
- Address tile-drainage & emergency winter application impacts
- Compliance monitoring needed



2021 Court of Appeals Decision

Process

- Add public participation in reviews of site-specific plans
- Consider climate change



Revising the Permits

Receiving Feedback

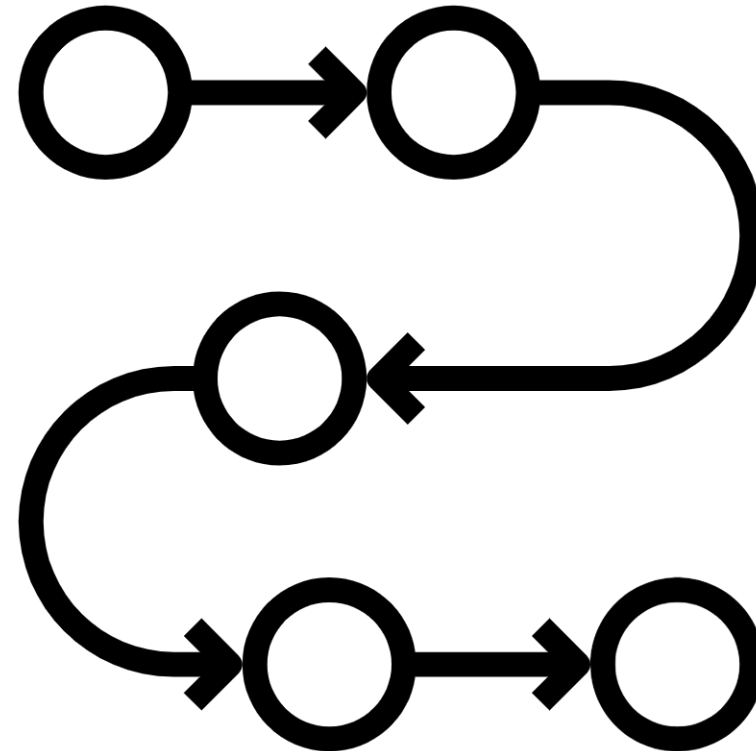
- Public Listening Sessions
- Online eComments form

Workshopping Ideas

- Permit development team
- External consultations

Sharing Drafts

- Public comment period
- Formal public hearings



Reissuance Timeline

Where we're headed next





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